

1-23. (CANCELED)

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A child safety seat for use on a vehicle seat having a seat cushion and a seat back, the child safety seat comprising:

a child seat structure having a base support surface for resting on said seat cushion, and a seating surface for a child occupant,

a rigid link attached to the child seat structure solely by a coupling mechanism that permits angular movement of the child seat structure relative to the rigid link about an axis located above the base support surface, and wherein the rigid link is connected to the child seat structure by both a first auxiliary link which has one end attached to the child seat structure by a first pivot joint and another end attached to the rigid link by a second pivot joint and a second auxiliary link which has one end attached to the child seat structure by a third pivot joint located above the first pivot joint and another end attached to the rigid link by a fourth pivot joint located below the second pivot joint, and

a releasable connector mounted on the rigid link for engagement with a standard anchorage unit associated with the vehicle seat.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A child safety seat according to claim 24, wherein the rigid link is L-shaped with a first limb carrying the releasable connector and a second limb having a free end pivotally attached to the child seat structure.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rearward facing child safety seat for use on a vehicle seat having a seat cushion and a seat back, the child safety seat comprising:

a child seat structure having a base support surface for resting on said seat cushion, and a seating surface for a child occupant, said seating surface including a seat portion and a backrest portion,

a rigid link projecting from an end of the child seat structure opposite to the backrest portion and attached to the child seat structure solely by a coupling mechanism that permits angular movement of the child seat structure, when in use, relative to the rigid link about a link axis located above the base support surface, and

a releasable connector mounted on the rigid link for engagement with a standard anchorage unit associated with the vehicle seat.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A child safety seat according to claim 26, wherein the rigid link is L-shaped with a first limb carrying the corresponding connector and a second limb having a free end pivotally attached to the child seat structure.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A child safety seat according to claim 27, wherein the height of the pivot location above the base surface is at least 30mm.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A child safety seat according to claim 27, wherein the child seat structure comprises a base to which the rigid link is pivotally attached, a seat body pivotally mounted on the base for angular movement about a pivot axis and having a seating surface formed thereon, a first cable guide mounted on the base below said link axis, a second cable guide mounted on the base above said link axis, and a cable having a first end secured to the rigid link below said link axis, said cable extending therefrom round said first cable guide, then round said second cable guide and having a second end secured to said seat body at a location above said pivot axis.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rearward facing child safety seat according to claim 26, ~~further comprising for use on a vehicle seat having a seat cushion and a seat back, the child safety seat comprising:~~

a child seat structure having a base support surface for resting on said seat cushion, and a seating surface for a child occupant, said seating surface including a seat portion and a backrest portion,

a rigid link projecting from an end of the child seat structure opposite to the backrest portion and attached to the child seat structure solely by a coupling mechanism that permits angular movement of the child seat structure relative to the rigid link about a link axis located above the base support surface, and

a releasable connector mounted on the rigid link for engagement with a standard anchorage unit associated with the vehicle seat, and

stop means arranged to restrict the extent of angular movement of the child seat structure relative to the rigid link in a direction such that the bottom of the child seat structure moves towards the releasable connector.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A child safety seat according to claim [[26]] 30, wherein the rigid link is connected to the backrest portion of the child seat structure at a location remote from the seat portion thereof.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A child safety seat according to claim 26, wherein the rigid link is connected to the seat portion of the child seat structure at a location above the support surface and remote from the backrest portion thereof.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rearward facing child safety seat for use in a vehicle comprising:

a seat structure having a seat portion and a backrest portion for supporting a seat occupant, a support surface for resting on the vehicle seat cushion,

a link projecting from an end of the seat portion of the child seat structure opposite to the backrest portion and attached to the child seat structure solely by a coupling joint located above the support surface so as to permit angular movement of the child seat structure relative to the link when the safety seat is in use, and

a releasable connector mounted on the link for engagement with a standard anchorage associated with the vehicle seat.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A child safety seat according to claim 33, further comprising stop means arranged to restrict the extent of angular movement of the child seat structure relative to the link in a direction such that the bottom of the child seat structure moves towards the releasable connector.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A child safety seat according to claim 33, wherein the link is attached to the child seat structure by the coupling joint and a second opposed end of the link engages with the standard anchorage unit associated with the vehicle seat.